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cannot be restricted to that one locale. It begins to bleed out and affect other areas of the law where some people do not want to be bound. And they say, if you're not going to enforce law "A," don't enforce law "B." So wholesale disregard of the law results generally...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the law being repealed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Your light is next, Senator Chambers. Just continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I do not appreciate the fact that alcohol is a legal drink. But what difference does it make what I like, don't like, appreciate, or don't appreciate. The fact is that it's legal. I have never offered a bill seriously to try to repeal the authority to allow alcoholic beverages to be sold and consumed. But what I have done is to speak strongly and at length against laws, proposed laws on this floor that would impose very stringent, what I felt were draconian punishments against young people for violating the liquor laws, but they would not apply the same stringent punishments to adults, who are to set the example. So here we have this legal substance which contributes mightily to the commission of crimes, the breakup of families, the ruination of careers. And the body is afraid even to tax it as they are attack...I won't say attacking...as they are taxing cigarettes. We don't have a law against driving under the influence of tobacco. We don't have an aggravated offense of committing a crime while smoking. We do have many people in the pen based on antisocial and criminal behavior influenced and, in some cases, caused by drinking. So the least we can do, the least we ought to do, is tax it as we do the other. And by the other, I mean tobacco. If we are not going to do it here, I'm going to try to stop us from doing it over there. And what difference does it make? Makes me no difference at all. I'm pushing for some equity. What in the world does smoking tobacco have to do with the Bob Devaney Sports Centers, or that assistance to municipalities, or any of those other items, besides research